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D1 28. (Amended) A system for ablating tissue within a body, comprising:
a guide element for introduction into a body;
a plurality of longitudinally spaced electrodes on the guide element; and
a controller operably connected to the plurality of electrodes and to a source of tissue ablating energy, the controller being adapted to receive predetermined input commands and to electrically connect the plurality of electrodes to the source of tissue ablating energy, the controller including switching means for selectively disconnecting at least one of the electrodes within the plurality of longitudinally spaced electrodes from the source of tissue ablating energy in response to a first predetermined input command such that two electrodes are electrically connected to the source of tissue ablating energy and the at least one disconnected electrode is between the two connected electrodes.

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D2 30. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim [29] 28, wherein the at least one disconnected electrode is located within the plurality of longitudinally spaced electrodes such that a plurality of contiguous electrodes are electrically connected to the source of tissue ablating energy.

REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Claims 28 and 30 have been amended. Claims 29 and 31 have been canceled. Claims 1-20, 28, 30 and 32 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

At the outset applicant notes that the amendments above merely add the limitations from dependent claims 29 and 31 to independent claim 28 and correct the pendency of claim 30. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that such amendments do